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COMMITTEE PRAISES NEWARK'S NEW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

NEWARK—A community of officers from community-based organizations and higher education institutions, religious leaders, and business and foundation executives have joined together to give the Newark Public School administration an "A" for its efforts during its first year.

The newly formed Committee of Advocates for Newark's Children cited the District's recent reallocation plan—which took \$26 million out of the school bureaucracy and redirected it to the classroom—as a step toward refocusing the priorities of the system on the 37,000 Newark children it is entrusted to educate.

The committee includes representatives from the following organizations: Amelior Foundation; Association for children of NJ; Bell Atlantic; Bethany Baptist Church; Blue Cross Blue Shield; Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark; Broad National Bank; CIT Group; City National Bank of NJ; Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; Drew University; Essex County College; First Union Bank; Ford Foundation; GRI Corporation; La Casa de Don Pedro; Metropolitan Baptist Church; Newark Renaissance House, Inc.; New Community Corporation; New Jersey Institute of Technology; New Jersey Network; New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute; The Prudential Foundation; PSE&G; Rutgers-Newark; St. Matthews AME Church; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Menzel & Flom; Siler, Anderson and Malone; Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral; United Way; UMDNJ; Urban League of Essex county; the Victoria Foundation; and Zazzali, Zazzali, Fagella & Nowak.

The committee will:

- Act as advocates and supporters for improving the education system in Newark.

- Work to increase the understanding among the public about the complexities of school reform.

- Advise Dr. Beverly Hall on issues critical to attaining high achievement in the district.

- Develop strategies to leverage financial and human resources to support schools' action plan.

- Suggest courses of action for the Newark Fund for Excellence in Public Education.

OCTOBER 18 IS DEADLINE FOR MINORITY MALE GRANT

TRENTON—The New Jersey Department of Human Services announced the availability of \$200,000 in grant money for the state's minority male projects. The application deadline is Friday, October 18, 1996 at 4:30 p.m.

The department has created the Minority Males Community Challenge Program to meet its current responsibility to coordinate a grant program to "support the health, human services, economic education, and employment needs of high-risk minority males."

The grant money is available for February 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997. According to the Karen Highsmith, acting director of the Dept. of Human Services, grants will not exceed \$10,000 and will be awarded to provide activities to high-risk minority male populations meeting one or more of the following goals: to support family unity; to prevent or remedy health conditions in minority males; to encourage young men to stay in school and to reach their full potential; to prepare young men for the technical skills that will be needed in the future; and/or, to reduce the likelihood that young men will become involved in the criminal justice system.

Applications received after the October 18 deadline will not be accepted for consideration. For additional information and questions, please call Robert Hodas at 609-588-2283 or Lisa Ashbaugh at 609-588-2269.



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Mourners pay respects to slain New Brunswick woman

by Ron Holland and Kelly Howard

NEW BRUNSWICK—Grief and sorrow filled the sanctuary of the Tabernacle Baptist Church as an estimated 700 people attended the funeral services of Carolyn "Sissy" Adams on Tuesday, September 17. Surrounded by an assorted arrangement of flowers, that added color to a somber, rainy day, her gray coffin was closed throughout the services.

Adams was killed in an alleged struggle with a cop, on the morning of Friday, September 13.

"We need you God, we need you today," said Rev. William C. Riddick, one of many ministers from various denominations that took part in the services.

"We're hurting in our hearts, and we feel so lonely and left out. But we know that in the morning time, you always come."

"You brought our mothers... our fathers through the darkness of the terrible times in their lives," Rev.

Riddick continued in his prayer of comfort. "We're depending upon you to bring us... this city... this state... this nation through our dark times."

Other ministers participating in the services included: Rev. H.A. Hildebrand, Rev. Dr. Charles H. Brown Jr., Rev. James R. Kirk, and Tabernacle's Rev. Dr. Leo H. Graham.

Included in the funeral program was a poignant message to Adams from her beloved family, "Little did we know when we left you that morning, that life would so abruptly be taken that day. But then again we never know, when we'll pass away..."

As people openly wept, the solemn atmosphere became a jubilant revival. An emotion-filled performance by the choir prompted many in attendance to raise their hands in praise, shout the name of Jesus and comfort loved ones.

Supported by friends and members of the community, members of the

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Family and friends gather outside Tabernacle Baptist Church, in New Brunswick, as pallbearers carry the casket of Carolyn Adams to the waiting hearse. Photo by Kelly Howard

Shooting by cop sparks outrage

by Myra A. Thomas

NEW BRUNSWICK—In the pre-dawn hours of Tuesday, September 10, Patrolman James Consalvo was walking his usual beat in New Brunswick, trying to deter local prostitution. From Officer Consalvo's accounts to local authorities, Consalvo witnessed Carolyn "Sissy" Adams leaning into a parked car window.

Local authorities also note that when Officer Consalvo sought to stop Adams for questioning on the suspicion of prostitution, Adams ran from the scene. After catching up with Adams, local authorities say Consalvo questioned Adams, and a brief struggle with the Officer ensued. During the altercation, authorities say that Adams severely bit one of Consalvo's fingers.

The 29-year-old Officer has told local authorities that Adams tried to grab for his gun, at which time the gun was discharged. Sources in the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office note that it is still unclear as to whether or not the Officer was specifically seeking to shoot Adams, if the weapon accidentally discharged. It does appear that Adams had a previ-

ous arrest record for prostitution.

The fatal shooting occurred at the intersection of Powers Street and Commercial Avenue, around 3:30 a.m. Ironically, Adams lived not too far from the scene of the shooting.

The use of deadly force remains a key issue in the mounting controversy surrounding the shooting. The case is also further complicated by the fact that Adams was African-American, and Officer Consalvo is white.

The shooting has galvanized the

local African-American community around the call for justice in the investigation, and the need for an all-city police review board. Local black residents are alarmed at what they see as a trend, with a mostly white police department once again utilizing unjustifiable deadly force against blacks citizens.

Local authorities confirm that the 39-year-old Adams fell to one bullet to the heart.

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FBI investigates another black mayor

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—"I believe the FBI and other federal officials operate under the old adage, 'where there is smoke, there is fire,'" said Mayor Mark Fury, in response to a federal investigation of him, the latest of New Jersey's black mayors, "and what makes these investigations possible is that people are willing to tell lies, creating the smoke."

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark and FBI recently subpoenaed the financial records of a number of financial and personnel records from Plainfield City Hall and Mayor Mark Fury. Information requested will look back to January 1, 1994, when Fury took office.

"Of the eight major black mayors, five have been investigated," said Fury. "I wonder how many of the other 552 mayors have been investigated, and I dare say the percentage is as high."

In a subpoena served on City Clerk Laddie Wyatt, federal investigators requested the clerk to provide a grand jury with:

- A list of all city employees, including their salary and employment history;
- A list of all vendors doing business with the city;
- Records of all expenditures with vendors, over \$500; and
- Records of the city Beautification Committee—which is headed by Fury's wife, Sharon.

"During the interview [between Fury and U.S. State Attorney Perry Carbone immediately after the subpoena was served], it became apparent that some individuals had misled them to believe that there might be some illegal activity going on in city hall government," Fury said.

The mayor said he believes that individuals had given false, maligning information to the federal investigators, in hopes to remove him from office.



Plainfield Mayor Mark Fury is the recent target of FBI investigation.

"I think they want to eliminate the fantasies of a small group of mean-spirited people who have made some scurrilous allegations that are totally unfounded about the way we operate government in Plainfield," he said.

Federal investigators, following policy, refused to comment after attempts were made to ask them if it had a policy of staying investigations on people based on rumors.

"We've spoken with them and will be complying fully and quickly with their information requests," said Fury. "We have nothing to hold back on, or hide, and are operating completely."

Wyatt, who is officially responsible for city records, will deliver the requested information on September 27 to the grand jury meeting room in Newark.

This marks the third grand jury investigation since 1990 of Plainfield government affairs. In 1990, former Mayor Richard L. Taylor's expense vouchers were investigated, and in 1991 investigators looked into the Plainfield Redevelopment Agency and a Park-Madison redevelopment project. Neither incident received indictments.

Bost refuses blame for township's fiscal instability

by Terrence L. Dixon

IRVINGTON—Although Irvington's mayor, Sara B. Bost, requested the assistance of the State to restore the township's fiscal stability, she blames the financial disaster on past administrations.

The State Board of Local Finance, which oversees the fiscal policies of state municipalities, invoked the terms of the Local Government Provisions Act, enabling them to supervise Irvington's finances.

"The fiscal problem in Irvington goes back to past administrations. It has taken me two years to understand the practices of passing unpaid bills from one fiscal year to another," Bost, also a former assistant vice president with Chemical Bank in New York, said. "Once I determined the extent of the problems, it was my decision to be forthcoming and not sweep them under the rug, as was customary for the previous administrations."

Currently, Irvington has a \$7 million deficit. When Bost took office in July 1994, the working-class town of 61,000 had a deficit of \$9.6 million which partly stems from the town's decision to convert from a calendar-year budget to a fiscal-year budget.

"When I took office," said the



Mayor, "I publicly stated that I inherited \$9.6 million deficit from the former administration. I also felt it is important to reveal our current problems, and hence, I asked the State to devise a means to alleviate the situation."

The deficit also accumulated from Irvington borrowing \$26.4 million to fund operating expenses; \$5.5 million in unpaid bills that were discovered by her chief financial officer, Elvis Gooden; and the city council's refusal

to bond \$12.2 million of the debt over a three to five year period.

Bost urges the State to borrow more money to keep the township functioning. However, borrowing will not be considered an option because Irvington financial records reveal a \$39.3 million loan debt which is just \$6.3 million below the ceiling set by the state based on the municipality's property tax base of \$1.2 billion dollars.

Bost warns of an "astronomical tax increase to pay for past bills, and past underfunding of the budget" if the state doesn't consider the borrowing option. The Board has the power to authorize deferral of past bills for longer than one year.

Although state take-over may mean severe and township employee cuts, Bost is optimistic about the state's help. "I intend to meet this problem head on because I have a very good relationship with the State of New Jersey. I fully expect for this arrangement to benefit the citizens of the Township of Irvington. The State was extremely pleased with the full disclosure policy of my administration."

At press time, Irvington City Council President and past administrators did not return City News phone calls.

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Community Calendar

SEPT. 1996 THRU APRIL 1997

WAYNE—William Paterson College's Center for Continuing Education presents "Issues and Ideas" at 7:30 p.m. at the Student Center. For more info call 201-595-2436.

SEPTEMBER 11 THRU OCTOBER 4
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will hold an exhibit of the recent work by Victor H. Teng. For more info call 201-200-3426.

SEPTEMBER 13 THRU OCT. 25
LINCROFT—Monmouth County Park System will offer parent/child ceramics classes for area adults and kids ages 10 to 17 at the Thompson Park Crafters Shop from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-642-4000.

SEPTEMBER 14 TO OCTOBER 19
LINCROFT—Monmouth County Park System will offer parent/child ceramics classes for kids 10 to 17 at the Thompson Park Crafts Shop from 9 to 11 a.m. For more info call 908-642-4000.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer review course for the Scholastic Aptitude Test from 9 to 11:30 a.m. For more info call 201-200-3089.

SEPTEMBER 16 TO OCTOBER 23
MIDDLETOWN—Monmouth County System will hold "Aerostep" classes at Tatum Park Holland Activity Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

HOWELL—Monmouth County Park System will hold aerobic workouts at the Mahanoguen Reservoir from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
EDISON—The Thomas Edison Toastmasters International returns to Edison Public Library. For more info call 908-940-2536.

WAYNE—William Paterson College presents an Adult Learner Assistance Network. The College Success Series. For more info call 201-595-2950.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
JERSEY CITY—Heather Forest will present a program of multi-cultural sto-

ries from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Jersey City State College in Grossneck Auditorium, 2039 Kennedy Blvd. For more info call 201-200-3426.

THRU SEPTEMBER 25
NEW BRUNSWICK—Abstract painting by James Yohe will be exhibited in the Visual Arts Gallery of the Civic Square Building 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-932-7511.

CLARK—The Hypnosis Counseling Center will present a special set of workshops for Smoking Cessation and Weight Loss at Johnson Regional High School, Westfield Avenue. For more info call 908-499-4628.

SEPTEMBER 25 TO SEPTEMBER 27
WESTFIELD—The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H program of Union County will hold the Fourth Annual Pansy Sale at the 4-H office, 300 North Avenue East from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
NEW BRUNSWICK—Liberty Village shopping outlet is hosting a "Shopping Extravaganza" to benefit The Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. From 5 to 8 p.m. For more info call 908-782-6587.

MOUNTAIN SIDE—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will celebrate the phenomenon of the moon passing through the shadow of the Earth with a special program beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the planetarium of the Trailside Nature and Science Center. For more info, please call 908-518-9900. Hearing Impaired call 908-654-9390.

NEWARK—Newark Emergency Services for families hold its 1996 Annual Meeting at the Prudential, 751 Broad Street from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. For more info call 201-643-5727.

PLAINFIELD—Municipal Alliance Program on drugs and alcohol abuse for center members sponsor "How Do You Measure Up?" at 10:30 a.m. The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center, 405 East Front St. For more info call 908-753-3506.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

McCoy, Moore and Neno honored for job service at St. James Hospital



Cora McCoy of Newark (r) was recently commended for 35 years of service at Saint James Hospital. Oesie Moore, also of Newark (l) and Maria Neno of Kearny (2nd from l) were each recognized for 25 years of service to the hospital. Pictured with the award recipients are Dominic Caligi, (2nd from l) senior VP of operations and Ceo Cirne-Neves, administrator. Over 65 employees were awarded during the hospital's celebration of National Hospital Week.

Tisha Campbell visits Somerset



Mayor's offices. Above Franklin Mayor Kimberly Francoise presents her with a proclamation. The Rev. Buster Soares performed the ceremonies at Campbell's wedding this past August.

SOMERSET—Martin co-star Tisha Campbell recently visited the Community Development Corporation in Somerset. On behalf of the Renaissance 2000 selected youth Campbell shared visions of hope, directions, her personal experiences and answered questions. She received a special award from Governor Whitman and the New Brunswick



Bradley passes the torch to Torricelli

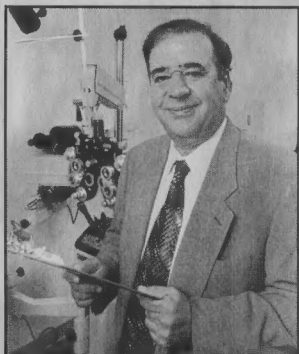
Sen. Bill Bradley (r) officially passed the torch to Congressman Bob Torricelli (l) who is the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate seat Bradley has filled for the last 18 years. Torricelli joined Bradley in Long Branch on Labor Day during the Senator's last beach walk, which has become a symbol of its commitment to the environment. I will continue this tradition and continue my dedication to protecting our precious shoreline and our strong opposition to the extremist anti-environmental policies of Gingrich and Zimmer, Torricelli stated.

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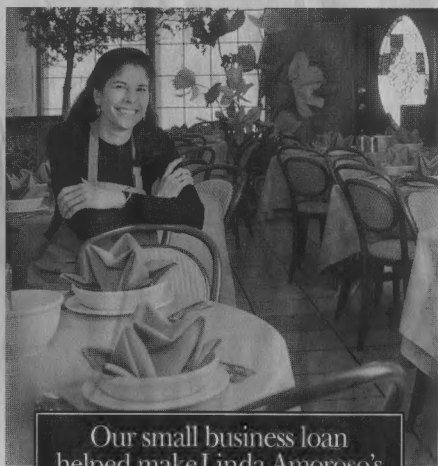
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National News at a Glance

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATED

A five-day celebration was held in Washington, DC Sept. 8-12 in honor of the more than 185,000 African-American troops who served, and the 37,000 who died in the Civil War (1861-1865), reports The Washington Afro-American. Black soldiers fought in 499 battles according to the National Archives and Record Administration. A statue listing the names of the Black officers and soldiers will be completed in 1997 and erected in Washington, D.C. at 10th and U Streets. N.W. A Heritage Center will also be opened across the street from the memorial. For information call 202-939-8719.

—WASHINGTON, DC

MAGIC JOHNSON, SHARON STONE AND ELIZABETH TAYLOR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HIV/AIDS

In their first collaboration, HIV/AIDS activists Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Sharon Stone and Elizabeth Taylor will join forces with top retailer Macy's and American Express on September 27, to host "Macy's: The American Express Card Passport '96." The event will raise funds for the fight against HIV/AIDS. Elizabeth Taylor will once again serve as "Passport's" Honorary Chair. Johnson will join Stone as event co-chair. Five leading AIDS organizations: American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), Center for HIV and Digestive Diseases at the UCLA AIDS Institute, Magic Johnson Foundation, Inc., Project Angel Food, and the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation will be the beneficiaries of the "Passport" extravaganza, which features a cocktail reception, an invitation-only dinner and a runway fashion show.

—LOS ANGELES, CA

NEW HOTLINE FOR COLLEGE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID GUIDANCE

There's new help for students and their families who are trapped under a mountain of financial aid forms. The solution, College Answer, a new toll free service from Sallie Mae designed to help college-bound students and their parents navigate the sometimes rocky road to college financial aid. Callers can reach College Answer weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time at 1-800-491-4599.

—WASHINGTON, DC

BLACK-OWNED INSURANCE COMPANY TO BE FORMED IN CALIFORNIA

Aaron Richardson and Reliance National have announced plans to form Onyx Insurance Company (Onyx), a property and casualty insurance company. Upon receiving its certificate of authority from the California Department of Insurance, Onyx will be the only African-American-owned property/casualty insurance company in the United States.—CALIFORNIA

TECHNOLOGY FAIR TO BE HELD IN PHILLY

Students in Philadelphia, PA, and surrounding states can look forward to three days of free seminars and exhibits on 21st Century business technology at Berean Institute's first Annual Technology Fair Sept. 25-28. The fair, the first of its kind presented by an African-American career and technology school, is gearing its first day of activities toward secondary and college students. Events will include seminars about what makes a web site work, understanding the keyboard, introduction to electronic data exchange, using technology in the classroom, getting started with electronic commerce, computerized photography, surfing the Internet, computerized robotics, digital filing, technology and the news media, doing business on the Internet and electronic financial planning. For more information or to arrange for your class to visit the fair call 215-763-4633.

Forty-one days and counting

WASHINGTON—As you read this, there are only 41 days left in the last presidential election of the 20th century. In most states, that means there is only about one month left to register to vote. The chart below highlights important

"swing" states in the Presidential contest (the large urban areas of those states are critical).

If the election was held today, Bob Dole, Newt Gingrich, and the Republican counter-revolution would

be in trouble. Current polls show the GOP far behind in both Presidential and the "generic" Congressional races. (The "generic" Congressional poll question asks which party a voter would vote for today, without regard

to the local Congressional candidates that might be running in that district. It thus gives a more national trend-line of voter preferences.)

Three times in a recent political history, a lead this big on Labor Day has led to Presidential landslide victories: Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964, Richard Nixon in 1972 and Ronald Reagan in 1984.

But twice, a big Labor day lead has tightened up considerably: Nixon vs. Humphrey (and Wallace) in 1968, and Carter vs. Ford in 1976. Both of these races were cliff-hangers.

Humphrey overcame a 15 percent gap in the last two weeks, only to lose by a mere 510,000 votes.

Ford gained 30 percent in the final three months, finally losing the popular vote by only 1.7 million

votes; and Ford lost the electoral college (and thus the Presidency) by less than 20,000 votes total in Ohio and Hawaii!

The point is, even at the Presidential level, every vote counts. This is even more true in major swing states, those states which Clinton won in 1992. And it is especially true when Rainbow base voters are considered—neither Jimmy Carter nor Bill Clinton, the last two Democratic Presidents, won the white vote. Their margins of victory came from the black and Latino voters.

Since electoral votes are won state by state, black and Latino voters are especially critical in the central cities of targeted swing states. Your efforts between now and November 5th can make a big difference.

TARGET STATE	PERCENTAGE BLACK	ELECTORAL VOTES	KEY CITIES
MIDWEST			
Ohio	10.6	21	Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron, Dayton
Michigan	13.9	18	Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Ann Arbor
Missouri	10.7	11	St. Louis, Kansas City
Wisconsin	5.0	11	Milwaukee, Madison
SOUTH			
Louisiana	30.8	9	New Orleans, Shreveport, Baton Rouge
Georgia	27	13	Atlanta, Savannah, Augusta, Valdosta, Macon
Tennessee	16	11	Memphis, Nashville
Kentucky	7.1	8	Louisville
Florida	13.6	25	Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg
North Carolina	22	14	Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Wilmington
EAST			
Pennsylvania	9.2	23	Philadelphia, Pittsburgh
New Jersey	13.4	15	Newark, Paterson, Atlantic City, Camden, Trenton
Delaware	16.9	3	Wilmington
Connecticut	8.3	8	Hartford, New Haven
WEST			
Nevada	6.6	4	Las Vegas
Colorado	4	8	Denver
Washington	3.1	11	Seattle

Donations needed for war memorial

WASHINGTON, DC—The Black Patriots Foundation is working to build the Black Patriots Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC, to honor the more than 5,000 African Americans who served in the Revolutionary War.

The organization however, needs

financial support in constructing the monument, because federal funding is not available. Donations can be sent to The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation at 1612 K Street, N.W., Suite 1104, Washington, DC 20006-2802 or call 1-800-888-9811.

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EDITORIAL

Television teaching Generation X?

The Federal Communication Commission mandates that television stations air three hours of "educational and informational" programming by next fall for children 16 years old and younger each week between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. If stations don't comply, their license will not be renewed for the next year. Many couldn't imagine life without ABC, NBC, or CBS, etc. But it will be a reality as early as next year when stations must submit their "educational and informational" itineraries for the FCC. This may sound like good news for parents but beware! This new mandate raises questions parents should be seriously pondering.

How will "educational and informational" be defined? Insofar, no one knows. The FCC just required the stations to comply or else. According to reports, television networks could do without further government interference. They are sweating their frequency waves off because many "educational and informational" shows in the past did not produce a profit for them. One thing is for sure, generation X youth's attention must be grabbed. It's a challenge because they are used to... anything adults are used to viewing.

Today, we have shows like *Saved by the Bell* (NBC), *Beakman's World* (CBS), and *Brand Spanking New Dogs* (ABC). These are just a range of shows which have grown popular with our youths that come close to the definition. Yet, the FCC might not accept them because they were not identified as such from the beginning. So we are back to square one, what is "educational and informational"? Is it any show that educates and informs? Every one is going to have a different idea of what it should be.

Another question: Aside from general education and information, will these programs reflect the ethnic diversity in America along with complex issues relating to these cultures? Many of the so-called "informational and educational" shows historically have failed to go beyond the perimeters of white middle-class America. Again, we are back to square one. We support the FCC mandate that these programs be questions must be addressed. Maybe Generation X's youth should decide what is "educational and informational."

Putting our race before our politics

by Harry C. Alford

One of my favorite politicians, who happens to be Jewish, candidly mentioned to me that it amazed him how blacks will invariably put their politics in front of their race. I thought about this for days and concluded he was correct. Certainly, our Jewish brothers and sisters are involved in both major political parties but when it comes down to the self-interest of Jews, they are going to unite and stand in the way of what ever the opposition may be.

We black folks are not that united, or yet, assure. Have someone attack affirmative action and you will see an alarming portion of us stand behind the attackers only because it is on the platform of their political party. How can someone black support a movement that will cut what little giants we have made since the Civil Rights Act? It is because we feel that supporting "Massa," the particular political party, is more important than the future of our own people.

In a recent trip to Denver, I witnessed two glaring examples of this: While sitting in on Sunday service at

St. Gilead Baptist Church, I had the candid pleasure of hearing Joe Rogers speak. Mr. Rogers is a brother running for Congress; Unlike too many black Republicans who seem to want to emulate Newt Gingrich, rather than look at the local issues facing their communities, Mr. Rogers is in tune with the economical challenges facing the black portion of the 1st Congressional District of Colorado.

His quick overview of the "the Hood" and his plan of action to correct the ills was convincing and certainly refreshing. Joe grew up among the blacks in this district and he has experienced the economic downturn in his old neighborhood. He vows to change the downward spiral. If I lived in Denver, I would certainly vote for him.

Joe can win if he meets one criteria—he must get 40 percent of the black vote. A black candidate receiving 40 percent of the black vote—what's the challenge? The challenge is that Joe Rogers is a Republican. The blacks in this district vote Democratic in a fashion that is robotic. His opponent has no program to address the economic issues of the "Hood" nor even a hint of the serious-

ness of the matter. His opponent is a Democrat and that seems to be all that matters to the black masses in this district.

This brother is going to have to win one vote at a time as he thoroughly explains what a difference he is going to make once he is here. The Black Ministerial Alliance has endorsed him and that will help immensely. Once again the black church coming to our rescue. It is said a talent like Joe Rogers must face such strange adversity—his own people valuing labels in front of their race.

The other example came when I visited the Excel Institute. This private school run by Rev. A.L. Bowman and the people of Union Baptist is a winner. The second graders are reading at fifth grade levels and the eighth graders (highest grade) are reading at the eleventh grade levels.

The graduates of the first class are now receiving degrees from some of the most prestigious colleges in the nation. They are grateful for the experiences at the Excel Institute and have formed a very impressive alumni support organization. This black-run school is now receiving a

growing number of white students whose parents recognize good education when they see it.

I was shocked when Rev. Bowman informed me that the mayor of Denver refuses to visit the school and acknowledge its accomplishments. The local teachers' union has taken the school to court claiming that the students were being "pushed too hard to perform."

The judge, of course, considered the claim ridiculous. None of the local black elected officials of Denver are giving this great institution the respect it deserves. Why? It's because the union does not like it and the unions tell the local Democrat officials what to do.

That's OK. If the mayor and others elected to out their party loyalty ahead of their race, it won't stop the achievement and the progress of the Excel Institute. This school is an example that must be replicated and it will.

The black folk of Denver have something positive going on. I just can't wait until they collectively realize that what is good for the race is far more important than how something is labeled or from where it came.

Don't judge the country by its leader

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

As the political rhetoric and posturing intensifies in the latest round of provocation by Saddam Hussein, we should always remember that Hussein is just one man, and members of his elite clique regime are not representative of the Iraqi people.

When politicians start making politically inspired thoughtless statements about "blasting" Saddam Hussein away, and "bombing" Hussein into "oblivion," they forget that the Iraqi people are human beings, and we should not take killing people lightly—any of them.

The human faces masked behind the sensationalized headlines of mili-

tary strikes, SAM surface-to-air missiles, F-16s fighters, F-117 fighters, etc., are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brother and sisters. We should not allow ourselves to become so desensitized to war and violence, that hearing about people being bombed, maimed and killed, just becomes another meaningless and insignificant news blurb.

That's exactly the kind of human being that Saddam Hussein is—cold, ruthless and uncaring about the welfare or lives of the Iraqi people. He has no qualms about sacrificing thousands of lives in his mad pursuit of power and control. Saddam uses the Iraqi people as a shield in front of him, willing to have them take the direct hits, hiding like the coward he is. Obviously, Saddam Hussein continues to be a menacing presence in

this area of the world. His regime has used ability and force to bully the Iraqi people and neighboring countries. The internal ethnic fighting and strife among the Kurds people was the cover used by the Hussein regime for their latest attempts to abuse and assault defenseless people.

It is extremely unfortunate that because of the ethnic hatred that apparently exists against the Kurds people, among the various groups that populate this region, that they felt compelled to appeal to the United States for help. It would be a far better solution to have Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq to iron out their own internal problems and differences among their people than the United States having to intervene and play "big brother."

Unfortunately, the leadership in

these countries are part of the problem, and help to fan the flame of discord and ethnic chauvinism for their own political agendas and purposes.

In seeking to protect the United States political and economic interests in this region, President Clinton followed his previous predecessors in using force to deal with Saddam Hussein's provocation. There are some that say the military strike ordered by President Clinton last week was not enough.

These critics have attempted to use this as a political issue in the presidential campaign, as they attack Clinton on his leadership ability. Clearly, targeting military sites as opposed to areas populated large groups of Iraqi people was the appropriate response.

Concerns about protecting the

lives of those faceless young men and women who fly the planes, and man the battle stations, and limiting the amount of casualties, was key to the limited air strike that was carried out. While participating politics should be put to the side during these crisis situations, the Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and their co-horts lagging behind in the various public opinion polls have tried to use this situation as a cover to attack Clinton.

Hopefully their attempts at political provocation will be ignored by the Clinton Administration, and any future military action that might be planned will not be based on feeding the "war hawks' greedy appetites. It is obvious that another military strike against Saddam

Hussein's regime is imminent. Hopefully these strikes will again only be targeted at military targets. Until the Iraqi people themselves deal with Saddam Hussein, he will continue to be a menace to people.

The Iraqi people are still suffering from the effects of the Gulf War. Badly needed medical supplies and materials have been prevented from coming into Iraq due to the sanctions.

It's time that the Arab nations speak out about the problems that Saddam has caused and is still inflicting on his own people. Our community, which certainly knows how racial prejudices, bias and discrimination can adversely affect a people, should never fail to be a warning regarding mentality that is far too prevalent.

FROM CAPITOL HILL

The 'race card' is the trial of the century

by Askin Muhammad

I admit I'm glad O.J. was not convicted of double murder based on the evidence presented at his criminal trial last year. Since then, I'm glad that the law of "lynch-mob justice" rules only on late night comedy shows where O.J. Simpson is pilloried as nauseum.

Now that the unofficial "double jeopardy" phase of the trial is underway, it is important to consider the application of the "race card" in this so-called "trial of the century."

The race card has already been played by the prosecutors. I mean plaintiffs in this case. If O.J. was not a black man, there would not be a so-called "sequel" to the first trial. But compared to similarly charged defendants in

the past, he's lucky to be alive.

In 1916 mob rule in Atlanta condemned Jewish pencil manufacturer Leo Frank to a lynch rope. Mr. Frank was "even acquitted like 'The Juice.'" Georgia's governor (whose political career was ruined) had simply committed his death sentence to life in prison for the murder of a 13-year-old white girl, after a trial that was marred by irregularities.

Let's not forget the Scottsboro case. In 1931, nine innocent black youth were charged with raping two white girls in Scottsboro, AL. After two reversals of their convictions by the U.S. Supreme Court,

and the recantation of her story by one of the accusers, five of the blacks were convicted. The so-called ring leader was sentenced to death (later commuted to life), one was sentenced to 99 years in prison, two were sentenced to 75 years each, and another was given 20 years for defending himself against one of the deputies who arrested them. They were debased by the society, despite international protests in their behalf.

In 1955, black teenager Emmitt Till from Chicago didn't even get a trial. He was tarred and feathered and brutally murdered by a mob in

Mississippi for allegedly violating a white woman. His so-called "victim" didn't even shed a drop of blood, but he paid with his life. Like O.J., the worst part of all those men's alleged crimes was that their alleged victims were white females.

As a society, we have progressed beyond those dark episodes, I hope. Now if we could just learn to celebrate the legal system when it works the way we say it is intended to work. That is, the presumption of innocence prevails, better if it acquits 10 guilty people than when it convicts one who is innocent.

Now, as for "lucky" O.J., "them,"

I need to see him genuflect more, and appear to gloat less. Yes, I would like to see him in sack cloth and ashes at least once a week at one black church or another. He could start at the church of his friend Pastor Rosey Grier.

And, since O.J. seems well able to draw a crowd at his public appearances, maybe if the Rev. Reggie White—another NFL superstar—would have him, "Frier" O.J. could raise funds to help rebuild burned black churches from the Reverend Reggie's pulpit.

If O.J. is completely innocent of all involvement in and knowl-

edge of the death of his former wife and her friend, then his arrest and trial should serve as a wake up call for him. "Hello, O.J. Smell the coffee. Don't forget the rules, you're still a black man in white America."

If somehow he had something to do with the gruesome murders and "got away with it," then may God have mercy on his soul. To put it simply, he needs to show a lot more "Mother Theresa" than the "good old boy on the golf links," otherwise the law of karma may yet judge him much more harshly than the outcome of this civil trial.

Farrakhan, blacks and other people's money

by William Reed

To what degree do you agree with the philosophy "You can call me Joe, or you can call me Mus. But when it comes to writing a check to me, make it payable to cash."? If you agree to any extent to the aforementioned, where do you come down on the following question? Is Louis Farrakhan a culprit, as the Clinton Administration and some members of Congress are making him out to be? Or, is he in the cabinet seat, as the urban poor and many in the black community would like to be?

After considering and making the Million Man March the greatest triumph in modern black history, Farrakhan has an awful of the government and media. Nowadays the fieriest minority is considered a "villain" by the majority of Americans, but something of a "villain" among many blacks. Farrakhan is a culprit with the government and media for more reasons than one, but currently it's because of association with Libya's Moammar Gadhafi.

But no one sits higher in the cabinet seat with blacks. Whether whites admit it, or not, over the years Farrakhan has built up a following among blacks and now that he says he is going to bring a billion bucks back from Gadhafi to share with us, his stock is rising even

higher among us.

Getting a hold of a billion bucks will propel Louis Farrakhan into a very public campaign to receive it. His rallying cry is that America's lawmakers have left poor blacks in a "Catch-22" situation, damned if you do, and damned if you don't. But Farrakhan insists he can help the situation. That is, if he gets the billion. He says if he gets the money millions of blacks will benefit.

That things are bad in black America and inner cities is not debatable. While Clinton and the Congress ignore the urban and poor, Farrakhan's chance at fortune is based on getting them to rally for his cause. Whatever the complexities of foreign diplomacy—broad dislike of him or—the racism that undergirds most actions between blacks and whites, when Farrakhan speaks of helping black Americans, no one rivals him as their champion.

Recently Farrakhan applied to the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control to be allowed to accept Gadhafi's money. At that time he promised that if the government gave him trouble about it he would take his claim to court and the streets. As he was departing to Libya to accept the Moammar Gadhafi Humanitarian

Award, Farrakhan said he would use the billion to establish a jobs creation program to aid those who will lose welfare benefits under that legislation.

So, while the government was taking bread from the mouths of little children with welfare reform, Farrakhan was saying he would not only feed them, but teach them to feed themselves, if only he could get the money. The U.S. government denied Farrakhan's request for the money, so he says he will initiate "the mother of all lawsuits" to get the decision reversed.

While all of these activities have been transpiring, black America's "mountain" leaders have been getting pretty silent on the issue. On the same day Farrakhan's request was denied by Clinton's administration, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and his son who is a member of Congress, were addressing the Democratic Convention complaining about Welfare Reform. But neither uttered a word about Farrakhan, nor how the billion bucks could help the plight of the black urban and poor.

Farrakhan's critics may be a bit disingenuous. They know that South African President Nelson Mandela also received the Gadhafi Award and \$250,000 purse and they still hold him in a "Champion." "We are not trying to do anything against the good of America.

What we want to do is good for our people and ultimately good for the nation," says Farrakhan. And any economist will agree that a billion dollars circulating in, and through, urban America and ultimately throughout the entire American enterprise system will be good for all of the nation.

When it comes down to their bot-

tom line, black people ask, "Well who's got my rack?"

When they look around, they see Louis Farrakhan. A sound financial manager he's not been proven himself to be, but with the continual display of white leadership Farrakhan is more poised in the cabinet seat, far becoming black America's greatest martyr.

Quote of the Week
From adolescence to death there is something very personal about being a Negro in America.
-J. Saunders Redding

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YOUTHBEAT

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SEPTEMBER 18 TO OCTOBER 30
MIDDLETOWN—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (2 to 3 years) program "Morning Song," at Tatum Park/Holland Activity Center from 9 to 9:45 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SEPTEMBER 19 TO OCTOBER 31
COLTS NECK—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (2 to 3 years) program "Morning Song," at Dorbrook Activity Center from 11 to 11:45 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SEPTEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 1
LINGROFT—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (18 months to 2 years) program "Morning Song," at Thompson Park from 11 to 11:45 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SEPTEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 4
JERSEY CITY—Jersey State College is sponsoring a program with five story-tellers, based on the theme "Heroes and Villains." The first program on September 25 will feature "Multicultural Stories," as told by Heather Forest. For more info call 201-200-3214.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
JERSEY CITY—The Children's Hospital of New Jersey will celebrate the creation and display of their own artwork titled "The 3rd Annual Children's Art Ball," at the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, on the grounds of Liberty State Park. For more info call 201-395-6900.

SEPTEMBER 28
NEWARK—The Garden State Ballet announces Fall Scholarship tryouts for boys and girls ages 7 to 12. For more info call 201-623-1033.

THRU SEPTEMBER 30
ROSELLE—The Roselle Free Public Library will host the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit. For more info call 908-558-2350.

SEPTEMBER 1996 TO JUNE 1997
WESTFIELD—4-H is starting a Pet Club for first and second graders. For more info call 908-654-9854.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

Bristol wins BIG Information Superhighway Contest

LONG BRANCH—12-year-old Naomi Bristol, a ninth grader at the Power of Christ Gospel Academy in Long Branch won the team contest in the Information Superhighway Student Competition Program (ISSCP) at the recent Blacks In Government National Training Conference held in Atlanta, GA.

Naomi and her team mate, Phil Singleton, who did not attend the conference, were selected to represent the Region II Mentors Chapter at the bookovers. Naomi was introduced to the Internet while attending the Program Acceleration for Computer Science Careers at Monmouth University.

Their winning entry was a home page entitled "Neptune Youth Home



Naomi Bristol

Page," which gives information about the Neptune community and various activities taking place within the city.

Brenda Cooley, ISSCP and National Youth Program Chairperson commented on the success of the program and noted that it will be active again next year and hopes more students participate.

According to Hope Bristol, Naomi's mother, who attended the conference with her, "She loves computers, basketball and track...she wants to attend the Airforce Academy and become a computer system engineer."

Naomi won a computer and a gift certificate from NIKI. She plans to attend the Program for Acceleration in Career of Engineering at Brookdale Community College this fall.

This year's youth competition was the first at the BIG convention.

Beautiful Beginnings offers essay contest and scholarship funds

SAVANNAH, GA.—Beautiful Beginnings, the children's product line for Dark & Lovely No-lye-relaxer system, is sponsoring a national back-to-school initiative with free color, inspirational, cartoon style bookcovers saluting the strength and beauty of black girls.

The inside jacket of the bookcover features a detailed essay contest as an incentive for students to win scholarship funds. The essay must be written in 300 words or less on the subject "Why My Favorite Book Was Fun To Read." Students must be 13 years or younger to enter the contest. All essays must be postmarked before the November 30, 1996 deadline.

The essay contest winner receives a grand prize package totaling approximately \$6,000. The prize package includes a \$2,500 savings bond for the student—worth \$5,000 upon maturity, \$2,500 for the school, national recognition as the Beautiful Beginnings es-



say contest winner; a Beautiful Beginnings gift pack and a Proud Heritage T-shirt. The five finalists will receive Beautiful Beginnings gift package containing an assortment of products and a proud heritage T-shirt.

The bookcovers will be distributed to public schools across the country. Additionally, bookcover or-

ders forms have been inserted into Beautiful Beginnings relaxer kits, and the bookcovers will be available as hand-outs at various events.

Students may also write to the following address for free bookcovers: Beautiful Beginnings Carson Products Company, 64 Ross Road Savannah, GA 31403.

Boys & Girls Club launches drug prevention training

UNION COUNTY—A recent Federal drug survey which revealed escalating drug use among teenagers has caused a wave of concern throughout the nation. The survey, which was released in late August, found that "use of marijuana among 12- to 17 year olds rose 141 percent compared to 1992, while L.S.D. and other hallucinogens rose 183 percent that period. From 1994 to 1995 use of cocaine rose 166 percent."

In response to startling figures, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County announced a concentration on "prevention activities" during the coming program year.

"While all Club programs are considered 'prevention' programs, due to the positive alternative they provide for members trying to avoid drugs, alcohol and violence, the Club is putting a further emphasis on reaching out to high risk youth and educating them about the dangers of

drug and alcohol use," says Connie Luadin, Elizabeth Clubs Director."

The first step in this effort is the training of staff and volunteers in the Clubs' nationally acclaimed SMART (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) Moves program on September 27th and 28th at the Holiday Inn Jetport in Elizabeth.

Since it's inception a decade ago, SMART Moves prevention/education program has taken a dynamic approach toward the related problems of drug/alcohol use and premature sexual activity among young people. Based on proven prevention techniques, the program uses a team approach involving Club members, staff, parents and community representatives.

SMART Moves involves young people in discussion and role playing based on real life experiences. Club members practice resistance and refusal skills.

Educating the next generation of Shriners

HOUSTON, TX.—As part of its continuing commitment to education among African-American youth, Kraft Foods, Inc. sponsored a series of informational and inspirational seminars for youth ages 4 to 18 who attended the Ancient Egyptian Amibic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine (AEAONMS), Inc. conference, held recently at the Holiday Inn-Select in Houston.

The youth participated in seminars designed to encourage educa-

tional excellence, cultural pride and achievement in an age-appropriate setting.

Established in 1893, AEAONMS is a worldwide fraternal order with more than 50,000 members. A charitable organization, it seeks to curb delinquency and drug use among black youth and to support education through scholarships.

AEAONMS also funds medical research for the study of diseases that particularly affect blacks.

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—Georgia Douglas Johnson

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LIFESTYLES

City and state builds houses for poor

PLAINFIELD—Fulfilling the American dream of owning a home is something that almost everyone pursues. And with many city and state programs working towards building homes for everyone, the possibility of realizing the dream is near.

In a recent ceremony, Governor Christine Whitman, and state and Newark city and community leaders marked a key milestone in a \$90 million state program to spur home ownership in New Jersey's cities.

Officials welcomed the first families to benefit from the Urban Home Ownership Recovery Program (UHORP), the largest single initiative of Governor Whitman's overall housing and economic assistance strategy, H-EASY 2000.

"Every time we help another hard-working family reach for that American dream in a city home, we add to our urban strength and make a difference."

The \$4.2 million Horizon Village development in Newark's Central Ward, features 27 two-family, three bedroom homes. The houses are being sold to moderate-income families.

for up to \$52,272, and rented to low-income families for up to \$32,670 annually.

Whitman's program, which will also include homes at two other sites in Newark, is not the only project in the works for providing houses for low- to moderate-income families.

In Plainfield, the City Council is preparing to take a second look at a \$3.6 million housing plan. The plan calls for 32 townhouses to be built on two West Seventh Street lots. Ten would sell for \$116,000 on the market, and the rest would be listed at a subsidized price of \$91,000 for moderate-income buyers.

The Renaissance Courts I and II plan was initially proposed by former Mayor Richard L. Taylor in June, and was turned down. Now after some revisions, and a possible Council approval, things are moving forward. According to developer Bill Cruz, if all approvals go through, the construction will begin by the end of the year.

There are many factors that are holding up the construction of new homes throughout the state. While some projects are delayed because of various city approvals, others run out of money before and while

the project is under way.

"The real problem is up-front costs," said Mary Caparosa, president of the Community Builders Association. "You spend so much money before you even put a shovel in the ground."

Rising land costs, material and labor costs are two major factors that can delay the construction of home, as well as run up the final purchase price of it. These rising prices are what prevent low- and middle-income families from purchasing a home.

Take five: Show kids the way to five-a-day

by Nancy Cotugna, DrPH, RD

Only one in five children eats the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables every day, and nearly one-fourth of all the "vegetables" they consume are French fries, according to a 1996 report in the Archives of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. Fruit and vegetable consumption needs to begin in childhood to become a healthful lifestyle habit, so tots must be provided with an ongoing variety of fruits and vegetables to choose from every day. And parents needn't worry about rejections—it's recommended to just reintroduce

refused fruit or vegetable at a later date because a child's tastes tend to develop over time.

Pre-schoolers can learn colors, shapes and textures from fruits and vegetables like fuzzy kiwis, purple eggplants and starfruit. Children who help out in the kitchen often develop more active interest in the foods they've helped to prepare. For a cool treat, finely dice a variety of berries, melons and oranges, adding a tablespoon of sugar to each 2 cups of diced fruit. Let stand a few minutes then spoon into 5 oz. paper cups, inserting a plastic spoon for a handle, and freeze for about three hours.

No time to spare? Just pop a can of fruit cocktail into the freezer overnight. Open both ends and push through, cut into slices and top with fat-free whipped topping! It's quick and easy to introduce kids to fresh salads with Tanimura & Antle's Salad Time for Kids packaged salad mixes, which even come complete with a festive toy!

Parents and kids should also watch out for the new 5 A Day public service announcements being broadcast across the country, which feature festive music and animated characters, as well as appearances by well-known young actors from the casts of *Pull House*, *American Gladiators*, *Monkey Trouble* and *Power Rangers*.

Many supermarkets also offer 5 A Day tours for children. Check with the store manager at your local supermarket for availability. As the best example of all, parents can show kids the way to 5 A Day by including five fruits and vegetables in their own daily food selections.

Nancy Cotunga is associate professor at University of Delaware for the Produce for Better Health Foundation.

Health Calendar

THRU SEPTEMBER

TRENTON—The Henry J. Austin Health Center and American Association of Retired Citizens are sponsoring Breast and Cervical Health Screenings from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 609-278-5920.

JERSEY CITY—Iglesia Cristian Avivamiento Pentecostal is sponsoring a Teen Outreach and Prevention Program from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info call 201-432-7712.

PENNSGROVE—Memorial Hospital of Salem County is sponsoring Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Outreach, Education and Screening. For more info call 609-935-1000.

SEPTEMBER 20 TO OCTOBER 25
ORANGE—St. Mary's Life Center will sponsor a six-week arthritis self-help course at the Pope John Paul II Pavilion. For more info call 201-673-1291.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
GREENBROOK—The American Red Cross and New Jersey Blood Services will hold a blood drive at Greenbrook Rescue Squad from 3 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-756-6414.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
ORANGE—Saint Mary's Life Center will sponsor a program on consumer fraud and crime prevention at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is requested. For more info call 201-673-1291.

SEPTEMBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 3
LINDEN—The Visiting Nurse and Health Services Hospice is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group, on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m., at 1025 St. Georges Street. Registrations are now being accepted. For more info call 908-352-5694, ext. 334.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
NEWARK—Saint James Hospital and the American Cancer society will host "Look Good....Fell Better," a program for women undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments for cancer. The program will run from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Saint James Hospital. For more info call 201-673-1291



The late Dale Lowry

and art which she shared with the adolescents and teens.

She is survived by her mother Mrs. Ruby Lowry of Duquesne, and brother, Manuel Christopher Lowry, also of Duquesne. Funeral services were held in Clairton, PA on Saturday, September 7. A memorial service was held at North Stelton AME in Piscataway on Friday, September 13.



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STAMFORD, CT—National Seminars Group will help you learn "How to be a Successful Team Leader," at International Plaza Hotel. For more info call 1-800-258-7246.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WASHINGTON, DC—The 14th Annual National Celebration of Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week '96 will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. For more info call 202-329-2000.

WESTBURY, NY—National Seminars Group will help you learn "How to be a Successful Team Leader," at the Holiday Inn. For more info call 1-800-258-7246.

SEPTEMBER 25 THRU 29

NEW ORLEANS—The National Black MBA Association, Inc., convention will be held. For more info call 312-236-2822.

PLAINFIELD—The Business Owners Institute, Inc. is sponsoring a business clinic at the United National Bank Community Education Center from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info call 908-756-5000.

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NEW YORK—National Seminars Group will help you learn "How to be a Successful Team Leader," at the Southgate Tower. For more info call 1-800-258-7246.

SOMERSET CO.—Somerset County Chamber of Commerce presents SOHO: How to keep your business up and running at a profit at Summit Bank, 10 West High St., Somerset, N.J. from 9:00 pm to 10:30 am. For more info call 908-725-1552.

SEPTEMBER 27 THRU 29

PHILADELPHIA—The International Black Women's Congress Conference will be held. For more info call 201-926-0670.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NEWARK—The Entrepreneurs Small Business Expo will be held at the Hilton Hotel. For more info call 908-866-2288.

SEPTEMBER 29 THRU OCTOBER 1

BOSTON—Want to see the newest and most technologically advanced products in the electrical contracting industry? Then attend the National Electrical Contractors Association Show at the Hyatt Convention Center. For more info call 201-215-4058.

Dennis Kimbro to keynote MED kick-off

PHILADELPHIA, PA—Dennis Kimbro, author of *Think & Grow Rich: A Black Choice* will be the keynote speaker for the Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week activities beginning Tuesday, October 1.

"The Multicultural Affairs Congress (MAC) is pleased to present one of the country's most dynamic speakers for MED Week," said Romina Riscoe, executive director of MAC.

"Dr. Kimbro's book shares the insights and secrets of success from hundreds of the nation's most successful African-Americans and dis-

tills them into a road map for creating your personal path to success.

Kimbro will speak at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, located at 7th and Arch Streets at 6 p.m. on October 1st. The event is free and open to the public, however, pre-registration is required.

The presentation will be followed by a book signing and reception from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Kimbro is currently the director for the center of Entrepreneurship at Clark Atlanta University. For additional information and registration call 215-634-3478.

Visions Expo '96 set for Newark Robert Treat Hotel

NEWARK—"The Place Where Small Business Get Bigger" is the theme of the upcoming Visions Expo '96, a trade fair and interactive conference sponsored by the American Business Coalition at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Schedule for October 2 through 4, the Expo '96 will give minority-owned and operated businesses throughout New Jersey the opportunity to showcase their products and services to consumers and corporations.

Presenters will include entrepreneurs, large corporations, MBEs (Mi-

nority Business Enterprises), government agencies, community-based organizations, members of the American Business Coalition and more. The Expo is free to the public.

Speakers include, George Fraser—Wednesday, October 2: Author of *Success Runs in our Race: The Complete Guide to Effective Networking in the African-American Community*.

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Small Business Week kicks-off on October 7

TRENTON—Tips and secrets, experts talk, open houses, good food, prizes and a party Trenton's capital district will be buzzing for small business when the 3rd Annual Trenton Small Business Week '96 kicks off on Monday, October 7th.

"We are really excited about this year's schedule," says Jill Edwards, Committee Co-Chair and planner for the City of Trenton. "We've rounded out the programming by enhancing the activities and adding a little fun."

New on the itinerary is the first "Top 10 Small Business Conference

& Expo," on Monday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mary G. Roebeling Building. Four series of workshops will provide the top 10 tips, points and ways to start a business, manage cash flow, attract & keep employees, apply for a loan, prepare a business plan and more.

Meet the Experts Counseling Marathon and Financing Alternatives will be returning in full force. Lawyers, accountants, insurance agents, banks, business planning and marketing consultants will be back to give free advice Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m. at Mercer County Community College's James Kerney Campus. Federal, state, and local lending agents will be reaching out to prospective applicants following a panel presentation of lending programs, policies and procedures at CoreStates Bank, Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 to 8 p.m. A reception is included.

Downtown Open House, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Capital Center,

will open doors to storefronts and office space to prospective renters and buyers. Added will be a feature presentation by Ralph J. Basile, Basile Baumann Pross & Associates outlining the "Advantages of a Trenton Location at 2 p.m."

Capping off the week, the Small Business Celebration will salute small business with flair at the New Jersey State Museum. The party begins at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor will present this year's "Small Business of the Year" award. The first Greater Trenton Network of Business Associations "Small Business of the Year" award will be inaugurated. Door prizes, food, and fun await networking guests.

"Small Business Week is growing," reports Lorraine Allen, Co-Chair and MCC Small Business Development Center Assistant Director. "We attract business owners from all over the state. It's a natural for a capital city." Allen added.

CHASE Manhattan, Chemical merge

NEW YORK—Chase Manhattan Bank and Chemical Bank branches opened their doors on September 3

under the Chase name, giving customers access to the largest network of branches—612 branches and 1,642 ATMs—in the tri-state area. The lending companies had merged on August 31.

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tremendous power and reach," said Michael Hegarty, vice chairman.

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The unified Chase logo has been launched with a multi-million dollar

advertising campaign focused on the tri-state area. Television and radio commercials, as well as outdoor and print ads, will reinforce the bank's commitment to making life easier for customers, using the tagline "The Right Relationship is Everything."

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APR	7.990%		APR	8.120%	
Maximum Loan	\$1,000,000		Maximum Loan	\$1,000,000	
Monthly Pst Per \$1,000	\$6.66		Monthly Pst Per \$1,000	\$6.08	
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Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
NEW BRUNSWICK—The NAACP Metuchen Area Branch cordially invites you to an Inspirational Outreach Concert at Nicholas Music Center at 7:20 p.m.

SAUNDERS, SEPTEMBER 28
PLAINFIELD—The members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome all to join in their 25th anniversary of the ministry of Father Leroy Lyons at 10 a.m. Luncheon to follow at 1 p.m. For more info call 908-754-9483.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
NEW PROVIDENCE—The Presbyterian Church at New Providence is pleased to present "Michael Card and John Michael Talbot live in Concert" at New Providence High School at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-665-0138.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
BELLEVILLE—Paradise Baptist Church will hold their First Annual Pastor's Banquet honoring Rev. Jethro C. James, Jr. at Branch Brook Manor from 7 to 11 p.m. For more info call 908-924-9735.

OCTOBER 25 THRU 26
HAWTHORNE—Northern New Jersey Summer School Association will hold their 36th Annual Christian Education Convention at the Hawthorne Gospel Church. For more info call 800-363-4410, 908-985-8563 or 201-283-1540.

Sunday School Convention set for October

HAWTHORNE—The Northern New Jersey Sunday School Association will be sponsoring the 1996 36th Annual Christian Education Convention on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26. The convention will be held at the Hawthorne Gospel Church and will feature 120 workshops and 50 exhibits.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Don MacCullough, vice president at Philadelphia College of Bible of Longhorne, PA. To register call 800-363-4410 or 201-283-1540.

SCLC convention draws a huge crowd

ATLANTA—Delegates and concerned citizens from cities across the nation joined Detroiters for three days of intense sessions addressing a broad spectrum of issues. The setting was the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's (SCLC) 39th annual convention.

Highlights of this year's convention were the SCLC/WOMEN's luncheon, which featured guest speaker U.S. Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney of Georgia; the annual awards banquet, the human rights luncheon with special guest U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, the prayer breakfast that highlighted the remarks of actor/minister Clifton Davis, and a youth convention.

SCLC National President Joseph E. Lowery set the tone of the convention at the opening night address at Bethel AME Church. "Those who bomb our churches will not stop us from worshipping in our churches," Lowery, stated. We will also not bow to terrorism in education, as is represented in the ghosts of Plessy vs. Ferguson and the horrible practice of ability tracking. We will not let them abandon our public schools," said Lowery.

"Our Justice Department job is not done because women and minorities still have a tough job getting a job and a loan," said Reno, who called Lowery, President Emeritus Ralph David Abernathy, and others the "true leaders in the civil rights struggle."

Politicians and Clergy meet to mobilize youth vote

EAST ORANGE—Louisiana Congressman C. E. Field, accompanied by Victory '96 Chairman Carlell Cooper recently met with African-American ministers in East Orange to devise a strategy for mobilizing young blacks to register and vote in November's elections.

"This meeting with the leaders of New Jersey's African-American communities is a continuation of the building process that will involve everyone and will leave no one behind," stated Cooper.

Rev. Ifill named Dean's assistant at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral

NEWARK—Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral recently appointed the Reverend Angela S. Ifill to the position of Assistant to the Dean at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral in downtown Newark. Rev. Ifill is the first black woman appointed to this position at the Cathedral.

This year, the Cathedral celebrates its 250th anniversary with special events including lectures, outreach programs and a service dedicating the Cathedral to rededicate the Cathedral to its work in Newark.

Reverend Ifill received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Masters in Divinity Degrees at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). She founded The Racism Initiative on Campus and was co-founder of NTS Women's Group. As a Student/Missionary she worked in the Diocese of Uganda, Mukono, East Africa developing a conference on gender issues, student mentorship programs and serving as a preacher on missionary terms.

Her previous experiences as an



Reverend Angela S. Ifill

Employer Services Manager and later as Deputy Director for the Black Executive Exchange Program at The National Urban League as well as her position as Deacon at Trinity-St. John's Church in Hewlett, New York have given her the preparation of managing staff and resources.

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to work with such vital and involved church on all issues and assisting the Dean in meeting the challenges facing Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral as we begin in our 251st year."

The Cathedral was erected in the early 18th century. In 1742, Newark's Anglicans organized and decided to construct their building. A small stone edifice with a steeple erected on almost the same site as the present cathedral was completed in 1843. Three years later, King George II granted a charter to Trinity.

During the Revolutionary War the building was used as a hospital and was later badly damaged. During the repairs, the old building was torn down, leaving only the lower portion in tact for construction of the new building.

In 1874, the Diocese of New Jersey was divided in two and Trinity became a part of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey and was later renamed the Diocese of Newark. Trinity received full Cathedral status in May of 1944.

In 1966, the predominantly black St. Philip's and the predominantly white Trinity merged. The following year Dillard Robinson was named dean, the first black Dean of a cathedral in the United States. St. Philip's name was added to Trinity in 1992.

Rev. Girdie Washington honored by Monmouth County

by Avery Grant

HOLMDEL—Reverend Girdie B. Washington of Neptune was honored as a "1996 Woman of Achievement" for her achievements in Religion by the Monmouth County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women at its annual banquet at the PNC Bank Arts Center.

Washington is an associate minister at Saint Paul's Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands, and is employed as a Family Counselor at Bayshore Youth and Family Services in Matawan.

"What I do is not done for any accolade, but I am grateful to God that my work is being publicized, and maybe people will reach out for my help," Rev. Washington said. "I am thankful for my husband's support, and I am glad that Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association is putting forward the issue of ordination of women." Just this week, the parent body of the association approved recognition of women in the ministry.

Rev. Washington has been involved in various aspects of church and community life, and with church and chapel activities throughout the United States, Japan and Germany. Her community services activities, as well as those for her church and Christian service have been recognized by various organizations.

She is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women, member and past president of North



Reverend Girdie B. Washington, 1996 Woman of Achievement

Shore Area Section, member of Alpha Delta Mu, National Social Work Honor Society, and member of the Board of Directors of Coastal Habitat for Humanity.

Eight other women were also honored: Carol Abaya (Communications), Sandra Hornak (Community Service), Kathleen Rambo Knight (Health), Carole Knopp Morris (Education), Clelorna "Chomie" Person (Business), Jacqueline Claire Sepe (Humanitarian Service), Doris Steadman (Sports), and Anne Switek (public Service).

Calvary Baptist to host music workshop

NEWARK—The Music Department of Mount Calvary Baptist Church of Newark will sponsor a Music Workshop scheduled to run from Wednesday, October 23, to Saturday, October 26.

Roland Carter, music professor and conductor of the church choir directed the workshop at Hampton University, Hampton, VA will direct the workshop. Carter also will conduct the Workshop Choir in a concert on October 26, 1996, at 7 p.m.

The four-day workshop entitled, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" will include discussions with clinicians regarding the history of religious music. The registration fee for the workshop is \$25, payable by October 13. Admission to Saturday's concert is free. For further information of requests for registration forms, please contact the Church Office at 201-242-5344, or Ralph Branch at 201-926-1365.

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Shooting by cop sparks outrage

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She was pronounced dead at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, about an hour after the incident. Currently, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's office will be presenting the case to the county grand jury. A court date has yet to be set, as potential witnesses in the matter are still being questioned.

By Wednesday evening, September 11, emotions had begun to run high in the African-American community of New Brunswick. Venting some of the frustration, a local march was organized by the New Brunswick Coalition against Police Brutality. The Coalition, a volunteer community group, is composed of a number of New Brunswick residents, and members of a variety of other local activist groups.

Starting in Feaster Park, the march grew to over 300 attendees. Screaming "No justice, no peace," the angry marchers continued their protest over to the steps of the New Brunswick Police Station. Traffic for evening commuters was snarled after police were forced to close the northbound lanes to Route 18, near the police station.

Fliers that briefly appeared at the march accused another officer, Sergeant Milroy, of actually shooting Adams. Local authorities deny the allegation, citing that Milroy was off-duty at the time of the incident.

About 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, the Reverend Al Sharpton made a short and impromptu speech at the site of the shooting. With approximately 80 people crowding the neighborhood street, Sharpton called the shooting an "unjustifiable use of force," and pressed for an independent investigation of the matter.

On the morning of September 14, New Brunswick African-American religious, civic and fraternal leaders met at Mt. Zion, Reverend Leo Graham a member of the ministerial alliance and pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, C. Roy Epps president of the Civic League of New Brunswick, Councilman Bobbie Brown, and assorted NAACP leaders, among others were in attendance at the closed door session. Also pushing for the development of a viable community police review board, local black leaders planned a "Rally for Justice" for September 21 at 12 noon, on the steps of

City Hall.

Meanwhile on September 14, members of the Coalition against Police Brutality held a separate public rally on the steps of the New Brunswick Public Library.

In addition to representatives sent by the Reverend Al Sharpton and the Nation of Islam, representatives from the Coalition, including local residents, Black Nia Force (a Pan-Africanist group), the Communist Union of Central New Jersey, 100 Black Men of Rutgers University, and New Jersey Socialist Workers were just a few of the speakers on hand.

One of the representatives from the Coalition, New Brunswick resident Porcia Auten expressed her dissatisfaction with the efforts of local "traditional" black religious and civic leadership to address the concerns of her group.

The niece of Carolyn Adams, simply identified as Nekia, addressed the crowd. "Stay calm, stay peaceful," she said to the crowd of about 300 attendees. "My aunt was a human being, and she did not deserve to die in this fashion." Nekia said to the racially mixed and cheering crowd.

An interview with the press, Nekia confirmed that the Adams family had specifically enlisted the aid of Reverend Al Sharpton and his associates to help press for justice in the investigation.

Family members are angry at the prospect of the prosecutor's office performing the investigation, as they feel the prosecutor's day-to-day relationship with the police department renders the investigation a biased and unfair one at best. Sharpton associates, Salaam Ismail echoed the concern, saying, "We do not have faith in the county or state prosecutors in investigating this."

Sentiment among the speakers at the September 14 rally was one of frustration and anger, especially in light of what some saw as other "similar recent incidents." At the heart of the various speeches was the call for a democratically elected all-civilian police review board.

Many of the speakers, including Auten and Ismail drew obvious parallels to the Shaun Potts shooting back in 1991, that sparked similar protests. The 29-year-old Potts, a New Brunswick resident, was killed by a local police officer. The officer maintained that his gun fired after he accidentally tripped after Potts.

The grand jury failed to bring an indictment against the officer involved.

Once again, Potts was black, and the police officer involved, Grey, was white. In a September 12 press release, New Brunswick's Civic League President, C. Roy Epps said, "This grave situation has had a chilling effect on what limited progress was made in police-community relations since the Shaun Potts incident five years ago."

Epps is just one of a number of local and state African-American leaders that have made formal requests to the US Justice Department and State Attorney General, for their intervention into the investigation.

The Adams' family allegiance to the controversial Sharpton, and not local "traditional" Black leadership, has also become an interesting development in the matter. Seen as a political outsider by many, Sharpton remains a vocal and highly visible force in this controversial shooting. And, notably, local black religious and civic leadership have been obviously absent from the recent rallies sponsored by the Coalition for Police Brutality.

In a strange twist, Adams' daughter Nikki was also murdered under rather controversial circumstances. In 1990, 15-year-old Nikki Adams was stabbed to death in an Edison motel. To date, no one has been arrested for the murder.

While protests are expected to continue throughout the city, demonstrations up to present have remained peaceful. Police Director Michael Beltracchi confirmed that the city has been in communication open, it is advantageous to all parties, said Mayor Cahill. The Mayor confirmed that his office has met with a number of local African-American leaders, regarding the shooting. The Mayor also confirmed that US Justice Department and State Attorney General Peter Verniero will be monitoring the local investigation.

Obviously, local community efforts have begun to have some far-reaching effects on the case. However, considering all of the factors involved in the matter, it remains to be seen if the shooting of Carolyn Adams will be properly investigated.

Mourners pay respect to slain woman

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Adams family openly sobbed and expressed their outrage at the 39-year-old's death. One of Adams' grief-stricken brothers, James, as well as other family members, were escorted out of the sanctuary.

Overcome with emotions and feeling the spirit of the moment, a number of people "caught the holy ghost," by dancing, singing, shouting and fainting in the aisles.

"I'm here to express my deepest condolences to this bereaved family at this time," said Congressman Donald Payne (NJ-D). "We need to make sure that justice rolls down like a mighty river and righteousness like a mighty stream."

One of several officials to attend the services, Payne said that as he spoke, he had someone delivering a written request to the Justice Department to take over the investigation.

"Indeed, if there is malfeasance or a

cover-up or lying, I'm going to instruct the Justice Department to bring those people to bear."

Payne's statement with thunderous applause, New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill, and Police Director Michael Beltracchi sat motionless. After the services, Beltracchi told press members that the city "mourns (the family's) loss. We are with them. We are in support of the Adams family in their mourning."

Salaam Ismail, advisor to the Adams family, said that they wanted federal authorities to take full charge of the investigations. "It's been my experience since the Teaneck trial in 1990 [regarding the shooting of the teen Phillip Pannell by a white police officer], the local county prosecutors tend to have a relationship with the local police, which makes it makes them somewhat not credible in terms

of investigations and seeking full justice."

According to Ismail, several community organizers and witnesses of the incident have been receiving death threats. In one instance, he claimed that a woman who witnessed the shooting had been attacked with a sharp instrument.

It is not clear who initiated the alleged threats or attacks but Ismail vowed to submit the information to federal authorities. "We will leave no stone unturned. We will definitely inform the federal authorities about this so they can begin to investigate," he added.

Mourners and church ushers stood by with flowers and candles as pallbearers carried the casket to the waiting hearse, before the private interment services were held at Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

Lasting Impressions on exhibit at Rutgers

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum of Rutgers University is currently exhibiting over 70 works of art featuring original illustrations for children's books titled *Lasting Impressions: Illustrating African-American Children's Books*.

The exhibit highlights the importance of multicultural images in popular literature, featuring 15 award-winning children's book illustrators whose art reflects positive, non-stereotypical images of African-Americans and their lives.

"The exhibition looks to a new generation of artists committed to focusing on African-American literature," says illustrator Jerry Pinkney, the organizing curator of *Lasting Impressions*. "We are producing this work for our children. The more we learn about each other, the more we can understand each other."

The significance of the popularity of these books becomes even more meaningful because very few books contain realistic portrayals of African-Americans and their lives before the mid-1960s.

Erna Jack Keats, working as an illustrator in the early 1960s, received no requests for illustrations of African-Americans. In response, he wrote and illustrated a children's book, *The Snowy Day*, featuring a small African-American boy as the main character. First published in 1962, *The Snowy Day* is now considered a children's classic.

Keats helped pave the way for Tom Feelings who, in 1972, became the first African-American illustrator to be awarded a Caldecott Honor Award. Others who admit to experiencing early rejection before later success include the illustrator/writer, Jan Spivey Gilchrist and Eloise Greenfield, who now have several award-winning books including *The Night on Neighborhood Street* and *Nathaniel Talking*.

"What's most important about *Lasting Impressions* is that these artists persevered over the years when honest images of black children were not always wanted by the industry,"

states Pinkney.

The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Museum is located on the Rutgers Campus at the corner of George and

Hamilton Streets. Admission to the museum is free and hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; weekends, noon to 5 p.m.



Three of the pieces on display in the exhibition are cover illustrations for the books *The Snowy Day* (top) (1962), *Daddy is a Monster... Sometimes* (center) (1980), and (below) *Brown Honey and Broomheat Tea* (1993).



Penny pinching tips from the pros

We all know what it's like to want to get the most for our money, however, sometimes we may not now how to go about doing so. The Consumer Literacy Consortium has volunteered some very valuable tips to help you keep most of your cash in your pockets. The following are questions and answers to every day issues.

Q: I'm looking for a new car. How do I make sure that I'm getting the best price?

A: It's simple. Shop around. Call five dealers in your area and ask for price quotes. Let them know you are calling other dealers. Know which make and model you want and which options you want in advance. If a dealer offers you an option not on your list, negotiate. Tell them you will buy the car from them—and not the other dealers you've called—if they'll give you the option at a large discount or even for free. If not, remember you've got four other dealers waiting to sell you a car from their lots.

Q: I've got thousands of dollars piled up in credit card debt. How do I keep my monthly payments from overwhelming me?

A: Reduce the number of credit cards you own to one or two. You can save over \$100 a year by getting rid of all but one or two cards. Avoid late payment and over-the-credit-limit fees. Then, switch to credit cards with the lowest Annual Percentage Rate (APR). If your rate is over 18 percent, you can get lower.

Q: I'm buying a new house. What can I do to get a good rate on homeowners insurance?

A: Ask your state insurance department for a publication with typical prices charged by licensed companies. Call four of the lowest prices and get a quote. You can save \$100 or more a year from these licensed insurers. If your state doesn't publish this guide, it is even more important that you call four or more insurers. Also, do not insure your land—it isn't replaceable.

NESF needs food donations

NEWARK—Dramatic food shortages have put a serious damper in the operations of Essex County's most active emergency social service agency. Non-profit Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) is short of food, and is seeking donations.

Non-perishable items are needed the most, including canned goods, cereal, pasta, soup mixes, dry or evaporated milk, and canned or powdered juices. Donations would be used to continue supplying food packages to the needy of Essex County.

"We are Essex County's agency of last resort and the 30,000 families and individuals who ask for our help each year are in danger of going without," said Jeanette Page Hawkins, executive director of NESF. "Cuts in donations have hurt our operations, yet our clients keep coming, most in poverty driven crisis, and many are hungry."

"All food will be put to immediate use," said Hawkins. "Donations can be made to NESF, 303 Washington Street, 4th Floor, Newark, NJ or call us at 201-543-5727, deliveries can be arranged."

Area codes to change soon

NEWARK—Without some immediate changes to the pattern of area codes, New Jersey's 908 and 201 sectors will run out of available phone numbers.

According to Bell Atlantic, the state will start running out of telephone numbers in the 201 region in May or June of next year, and in the 908 region October 1997, requiring the creation of new area codes.

One solution was to return to the traditional method of splitting existing area codes. Another is to assign new codes to each new number. A decision is expected by October 9.

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SPORTS

SPORTS IN THE GARDEN STATE

Coaches select '96 football stars

by Dennis Wilson

NEW JERSEY—Coming off a perfect 11-0 record and picking up the 1995 championship banners in the Shore Conference and NISLA Central Jersey, Group III playoffs, Neptune will look to duplicate last year's performance led by Jeremiah Clarke and Mike Neal who are rated among the state's top players in the 1996 New Jersey Coaches & Media pre-season all star selections.

Clarke stands 6'3" and tips the scale at 237 lbs., dimensions that make him a definite Division I prospect when combined with the quickness and skills he displays up front in the trenches. Neal, at 5'11" and weighing 172 pounds, has a nose for the pigskin that allowed him to pick off seven interceptions as a junior and establish him as one of the premier defensive backs in the Class of 1997.

Passaic's Anthony Bogan and Elizabeth's Darrell Glover are rated among the top running backs in the nation by Street and Smith while Paterson Kennedy's Randy Johnson is projected as the premier tight end in New Jersey.

A trio of Division I prospects on the offensive line include Tanenck's James Evans, Ron Headon of Camden Wilson and Kareem McKenzie of Willingboro while Irvington's Barris Grant is highly regarded as a line-backer prospect.

1996 NJ Football All Stars (Selected by New Jersey Coaches & Media panel)

Class of 1997
Brian Bado-Piscataway
Anthony Boga-Passaic
DeMarcus Brantle-Morrisstown
Lee Campbell-Paulsboro
Seremiah Clarke-Neptune
Kendall Daniels-Teaneck
Matt Durham-Passaic
James Evans-Teaneck
Nelson Feister-Bridgeton
Darrell Glover-Elizabeth
Barris Grant-Irvington
Daniel Harrison-Plainfield
Ron Headon-Camden-Wilison

Jason Hopwood-Highland-Park
Randy Johnson-Paterson Kennedy
Kevin Lawrence-Asbury Park
Ryheem Lockhart-Franklin
Kareem McKenzie-Willingboro
Mike Neal-Neptune
William Norwood-Englewood
Sean O'Connor-Morrisstown
Alan Parker-Willingboro
Derek Parker-Paterson Catholic
Darryn Plummer-Franklin
Jason Powe-Monclair
Jermaine Ruffin-Paulsboro
John Tierney-Mater Dei
Shahib White-Shabazz/Newark

'96 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES ASBURY PARK BISHOPS

1995 (6-3-0)
Jesse Kendle, Head Coach
9/21 MATAWAN
9/28 MATER DEI
10/5 at Keyport
10/11 at Point Pleasant Beach
10/19
11/2 at Long Branch
11/8 at Point Pleasant Boro
11/28 RED BANK CATHOLIC
11/28 at Neptune

ATLANTIC CITY VIKINGS

1995 (1-5-0)
Bobby Weiss, Head Coach
9/21 at Pemberton
9/28 MAINLAND
10/5 ABSEGAMI
10/19 at Ocean City
10/26 OAKCREST
11/1 at Egge Harbor
11/8 at Millville
11/16 VINELAND
11/28 at Holy Spirit

BARRINGTON BLUE BEARS

1995 (0-9-0)
Miguel Hernandez, Head Coach
9/28 at Ridgewood
10/5 at Passaic
10/12 PATERSON EASTSIDE
10/19 at Bloomfield
10/26 MONTCLAIR
11/2 Paterson Kennedy
11/9 BERGEN CATHOLIC
11/26 CLIFTON
11/12 at Williamstown

BRIDGETOWN BULLDOGS

1995 (6-3-0)
Bob Bernardo, Head Coach

9/20 HOLY SPIRIT
10/4 at Egge Harbor
10/4 at Lower Cape may
10/18 ST. AUGUSTINE
10/25 HAMMONTON
11/2 at St. Joseph/Hammonton
11/8 BUENA
11/15 MIDDLE TOWNSHIP
11/28 at Cumberland

CAMDEN PANTHERS

1995 (4-5-0)
Mike Greene, Head Coach
9/28 at Camden Catholic
10/5 at Pennsauken
10/11 at Cherry Hill West
10/19 CHERRY HILL EAST
10/26 at Bishop Eustace
11/2 PAUL VI
11/9 EDGEWOOD
11/16 at Overbrook
11/28 CAMDEN WILSON

CENTRAL NEWARK BLUE DEVILS

1995 (3-4-0)
Scott Durham, Head Coach
9/28 ROSSEL
10/5 NORTH PLAINFIELD
10/12 at Johnson Regional
10/19 at Middletown
10/26 RIDGE
11/2 at Governor Livingston
11/8 at Enniscailata
11/16 NEW PROVIDENCE
11/28 HILLSIDE

CLIFFORD SCOTT SCOTTIES

1995 (2-7-0)
William Norwood, Head Coach
9/28 at Wayne Valley
10/4 PASSAIC VALLEY
10/12 DELBARTON
10/19 at West Side/Newark
10/26 at West Milford
11/2 WEDT ORANGE
11/9 at Lakeland
11/16 MONTVILLE
11/28 at Orange

DICKINSON RAMS

1995 (7-3-0)
Joseph Marsella, Head Coach
9/21 at Lincoln
9/27 WESTFIELD
10/4 SNYDER
10/11 at Union Hill
10/18 ST. PETER'S PREP
10/25 at Memorial
11/1 at Bayonne
11/8 at North Bergen
11/16 FERRIS

The list continues next week

Scott Denver sponsors youth trip to game

by Avery Grant

PHILADELPHIA—Scott Conover, offensive lineman #76 for the National Football League Detroit Lions, sponsored 43 youths, leaders and family members as his guests for the Philadelphia Eagles vs. Detroit Lions football game, September 15, in Philadelphia. Conover paid for the tickets and chartered a bus from his hometown, Freehold, New Jersey.

Even though the Detroit Lions lost the game 24-17, everyone enjoyed the outing, sitting on the 50-yard line, at field level, the group was cheering and rooting for Conover and his teammates. Afterwards, Conover arranged for them to meet and get autographs. "I got nine autographs on my hat," said Ramiel Nolan, 12 of Howell, "and I am going to take it to school, show it to everyone, and then keep it hanging in my room." Conover also gave every one Detroit Lions caps and T-shirts with the foundation logo.

In November 1994, Conover formed the Scott Conover Youth Foundation, a not-for-profit youth foundation for personal involvement and to provide financial support to community centers, youth organizations, after-school, educational and recreational programs, and college scholarship assistance.

The youths and leaders at the game were from the Future Is Starting Today youth group, Long Branch, the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County, Asbury Park, and the Freehold, Howell and Lakewood communities. Conover is a very active youth volunteer, and wanted to particularly express his "appreciation to the volunteer youth leaders of our community."

Tyrone Hamlin, Long Branch, leader of the FIST group said, "This



Scott Conover, offensive lineman #79 for the NFL Detroit Lions greets some of the 43 youth, leaders and family members he sponsored for the game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Veterans Stadium, in Philadelphia.

was great, I even got a chance to see some fraternity brothers from college who were also playing, and an Eagles cheerleader who went to Glassboro State with me."

"I had a good time today, because I have never been to a NFL game," said Billy Carter, an Asbury Park High School player, "I saw a lot of new people and lots of crazy fans." Teammate Terry Johnson, echoed that, "I had a good time, but I was hoping for the Lions to win, but they couldn't stop Ricky Waters." Conover replied, "When I was growing up, I didn't get to see a pro football game until I played in one." At 6-foot-4, and 300 pounds, he is a starting right offensive guard in his sixth NFL season.

Born in Freehold, Scott attended Freehold Borough High School, where he lettered in track, basketball, and football, and played in the All-Shore Football Classic. Graduating in 1986, an honor student, he went to Purdue University on an athletic scholarship, where he was selected as a Big Ten Conference Lineman. He graduated with a degree in Industrial Technology Engineering, with honors in 1991.

He was drafted by the Detroit Lions in 1991. Scott started the 1991-

1992 season, as an offensive lineman. The Scott Conover Youth Foundation in June of 1995, sponsored the Scott Conover Basketball Special, bringing in ten star Detroit Lions players to compete against Monmouth County police officers to raise money for scholarships. It sponsored the Western Monmouth YMCA's Learn to Swim week for local youth, and co-sponsored the Scott Conover Football Clinic, to get youths involved in Pop Warner Football. Scott has spoken at many local schools, youth organizations, and churches, promoting scholarship and athletics.

The foundation's theme, "Life begins today—One youth at a time," is apparent in Scott's personal involvement with young people and the foundation's continuing programs.

The foundation is working to establish an aftermoon tutoring program for the school year, and a joint football clinic and SAT preparation session for the Spring of 1997.

Sandra Conover, Freehold, Conover's mother, said after the game, "I am very proud of Scott because he turned out to be such a gentleman, not because he plays football. He comes from a big family so he loves kids."

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